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SUBJECT : FRANCO-GUINEAN RELATIONS

REFERENCE: A. PARIS 16751 B. CONAKRY 1024

1. FURTHER CONVERSATIONS HERE GIVE SOLID REASONS TO BELIEVE THAT BEFORE UNDERTAKING HIS TRIP TO CONAKRY EARLIER THIS MONTH, BETTENCOURT DID MEET WITH PRESIDENT GISCARD TO REVIEW FRANCO-GUINEAN RELATIONS. BETTENCOURT WAS GIVEN FULL, CLEAR AND AUTHORITATIVE BRIEFING ON FRENCH POSITION WHICH FORMED BASIS FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH SEKOU TOURE.

2. WE UNDERSTAND THAT DURING DISCUSSIONS BETTENCOURT REPEATED REQUEST THAT GUINEAN RELEASE FRENCH PRISONERS AS FIRST MOVE, WHILE SEKOU TOURE INSISTED FRANCE FIRST DEBLOCK FUNDS OWED TO GUINEA.

3. HAVE LEARNED FROM WELL-INFORMED SOURCE THAT FRENCH GOVERNMENT LIKELY TO TAKE SOME INITIATIVES SHORTLY WITH REGARD TO GUINEAN FUNDS (MORE TIMELY RELEASE OF LARGER AMOUNTS WITH GREATER PROPORTION BEING AVAILABLE FOR DIRECT GUINEAN NEEDS AS AGAINST REPAYMENT OF DEBTS OWED  
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TO FRENCH FIRMS AND INDIVIDUALS). THIS EXPECTED HELP

SATISFY GUINEAN REQUIREMENT FOR A GESTURE, THUS ENABLING  
GUINEA TO RESPOND BY RELEASE OF SOME FRENCH PRISONERS.  
THESE MOVES SHOULD THEN PROVIDE BASIS FOR FURTHER ACTIONS  
IN WHAT ADMITTEDLY WILL BE SLOW AND DRAWN OUT PROCESS.  
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